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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No.	101384-22
	First Inventor	Kirk E. Vandezande
	Title	Hierarchical optimization for procedural effectiveness
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1001	2001	750	375	Utility filing fee	375.00
1002	2002	330	165	Design filing	
1003	2003	520	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	750	375	Reissue filing	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 19 -20** = 0 X 9.00 = 0.00		
Independent Claims 5 -3** = 2 X 42.00 = 84.00		
Multiple Dependent		140.00

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	1053	130	130	Non - English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	410	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	930	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	1,450	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	1,970	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	320	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	320	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	280	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,300	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,300	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	470	235	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	630	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)	
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	2809	750	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	750	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	750	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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6. PTO Form 1449 citing and including 26 references
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Submitted herewith for entry and approval are six (6) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-6) in the above-referenced application. Each sheet of drawing indicates the identifying indicia suggested in 37 CFR § 1.84(c) on the reverse side of the drawing.

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